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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A fine filter assembly for a dishwasher, said fine filter assembly comprising a filter body comprising an inlet and an outlet, said inlet located substantially adjacent said outlet, said outlet comprising a drain tube coupled to a drain line, said drain line including a fluid column generating a pressure to counterbalance an operating pressure in said fine filter assembly ~~said inlet and said outlet proximate an outer perimeter of said filter body, and an extended flow path joining said inlet and said outlet.~~

2. (currently amended) A fine filter assembly in accordance with Claim 1 ~~wherein said flow path is sloped from~~ further comprising a sloped flow path extending between said inlet to and said outlet.

3. (original) A fine filter assembly in accordance with Claim 2 wherein said body comprises a circular outer perimeter, said flow path extending substantially 360 radial degrees around said outer perimeter.

4. (previously presented) A fine filter assembly in accordance with Claim 3 said flow path substantially helical between said inlet and said outlet.

5. (currently amended) A fine filter assembly in accordance with Claim 4, ~~said body further comprising a weir extending from said outer perimeter~~ 1 wherein said drain tube is in flow communication with a drain pump suction inlet.

6. (currently amended) A fine filter assembly in accordance with Claim 1 ~~2~~, said flow path wider at said outlet than at said inlet.

7. (original) A fine filter assembly in accordance with Claim 1 further comprising a filter screen disposed over a top of said filter body.

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8. (original) A filter assembly in accordance with claim 1 wherein said filter body is bowl-shaped.

9. (currently amended) A fluid circulation assembly for a dishwasher system, said fluid circulation assembly comprising:

a main pump assembly;

a drain pump assembly in flow communication with said main pump assembly;

and

a fine filter assembly in flow communication with said main pump assembly and with said drain pump assembly, said fine filter assembly comprising a filter body comprising an inlet and an outlet, said outlet comprising a drain tube, said inlet and said outlet located substantially adjacent one another and proximate an outer perimeter of said filter body, ~~and an extended flow path joining said inlet and said outlet; and~~

a check valve in flow communication with said drain tube to regulate flow therethrough.

10. (currently amended) A fluid circulation assembly in accordance with Claim 9 ~~wherein said flow path is sloped from~~ further comprising a sloped flow path extending between said inlet to and said outlet.

11. (original) A fluid circulation assembly in accordance with Claim 10 wherein said body comprises a circular outer perimeter, said flow path extending substantially 360 radial degrees around said outer perimeter.

12. (currently amended) A fluid circulation assembly in accordance with Claim 11, wherein said flow path is substantially helical between said ~~first end and said second end inlet and said outlet.~~

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13. (original) A fluid circulation assembly in accordance with Claim 12, said body further comprising a weir extending from said outer perimeter.

14. (currently amended) A fluid circulation assembly in accordance with Claim 9, ~~said flow path wider at said outlet than at said inlet~~ wherein said check valve inhibits flow through said drain tube when said main pump is energized.

15. (original) A fine filter assembly in accordance with Claim 9 further comprising a filter screen disposed over a top of said filter body.

16. (original) A filter assembly in accordance with claim 9 wherein said filter body is bowl-shaped.

17. (currently amended) A dishwasher system comprising:

a tub comprising a sump portion;

a fluid circulation assembly in flow communication with said sump portion, said fluid circulation assembly including a fine filter assembly, said fine filter assembly comprising a filter body comprising an inlet and an outlet, said inlet and said outlet located substantially adjacent one another and proximate an outer perimeter of said filter body, ~~and an extended flow path joining said inlet and said outlet, and~~

a pressure relief tube in flow communication with said fine filter assembly to inhibit a pressure within said fine filter assembly from exceeding a predetermined pressure.

18. (currently amended) A fluid circulation assembly in accordance with Claim 17 ~~wherein said flow path is sloped from said inlet to said outlet~~ further comprising a check valve in flow communication with said outlet to regulate flow therethrough.

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19. (currently amended) A fluid circulation assembly in accordance with Claim ~~18~~ 17 wherein said body comprises a circular outer perimeter, said body defining a flow path extending substantially 360 radial degrees around said outer perimeter.

20. (currently amended) A fluid circulation assembly in accordance with Claim 19 wherein said flow path is substantially helical ~~between said first end and said second end.~~